CHAPTER 15.

An Act to bring to an end the power of the Minister of Health to grant subsidies under sections one and three of the Housing, &c. Act, 1923, and the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, and to enable him to undertake to make contributions in certain cases towards losses sustained by authorities under guarantees given by them for facilitating the provision of houses to be let to the working classes.

[18th May 1933.]

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

Discontinuance of certain subsidies under 13 & 14 Geo. 5. c. 24 and 14 & 15 Geo. 5. c. 35.

1. No contributions shall be made by the Minister of Health (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") under section one or section three of the Housing, &c. Act, 1923, or under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1924, towards expenses incurred in providing, or promoting the provision of, any house not provided in pursuance of proposals submitted to him under those Acts before the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-two:

Provided that if the Minister is satisfied that proposals for providing or promoting the provision of houses under those Acts had been prepared and were substantially ready to be submitted to him before the said seventh day of December, he may, subject to the approval of the Treasury, treat the proposals for the purposes of this section as if they had been submitted to him before that date.

Power of Minister to reimburse part of losses sustained under guarantees

2.—(1) Where a local authority for the purpose of Part III of the Housing Act, 1925, or a county council, submit to the Minister proposals for guaranteeing, in exercise of their powers under paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of section ninety-two of that Act, the repayment to a society of advances made by the society to any of its members for the purpose of enabling them to

build or acquire houses intended to be let to persons of the working classes, if the Minister is satisfied that the guarantee extends only to the principal of, and interest on, the amount by which the sum to be advanced by the society exceeds the sum which would normally be advanced by it without any such guarantee, and that the liability of the local authority or county council under the guarantee cannot be greater than two-thirds of that principal and interest, the Minister, if he approves the proposals, may, with the consent of the Treasury, undertake to reimburse to the local authority or county council not more than one half of any loss sustained by them under the terms of the guarantee: to building and other societies. 15 & 16 Geo. 5. c. 14.

Provided that any proposals made to the Minister under this section shall—

(*a*) include such particulars as he may direct as to the number and type of the houses intended to be built or acquired and the approximate size of them measured in superficial feet; and

(*b*) make provision for securing, except in so far as the Minister may in any particular case dispense with either or both of the requirements of this paragraph, that the number of such houses in relation to the area occupied or intended to be occupied by and in connection with them will not exceed the rate of twelve to the acre and that each of them will be provided with a fixed bath.

(2) Any sum payable by way of reimbursement to a local authority or county council, in pursuance of an undertaking given under this section shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament.

3.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1933. Citation and extent.

(2) This Act shall not extend to Scotland or Northern Ireland.